

## **Human Relations Commission Agenda Special Meeting**

The Human Relations Commission is a citizen commission appointed by the Fremont City Council. Human Relations Commission business is conducted in a public forum and operates within the provisions of the Brown Act. Information on the Brown Act may be obtained from the City Clerk's office at 3300 Capitol Avenue (phone 284-4060).

### **General Order of Business**

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| 1. Secretary Check for Quorum | 6. Written Communications | 11. Commission Referrals |
| 2. Call to order – 9:30 A.M   | 7. Announcements          | 12. Adjournment          |
| 3. Roll call                  | 8. Consent Items          |                          |
| 4. Approval of Minutes        | 9. Old Business           |                          |
| 5. Oral Communications        | 10. New Business          |                          |

### **Order of Discussion**

Generally, the order of discussion after introduction of an item by the Chair will include comments and information by staff followed by Human Relations Commissions questions, inquiries or discussion. The applicant, authorized representative, or interested citizens may then speak on the item. At the close of public discussion, the item will be considered by the Commission and action taken.

### **Oral Communications**

Any person desiring to speak on a matter which is not scheduled on this agenda may do so under Oral Communications. The Human Relations Commission will take no action on an item which does not appear on the agenda. The item will be agendized for the next regular meeting or at a special meeting called in accordance with the terms of the Brown Act. The Human Relations Commission may establish time limits of presentations.

### **Information**

Regular scheduled meetings of the Human Relations Commission are conducted at 3300 Capitol Avenue in City Council Chambers. Meetings are held at 7:15 on the third Monday of the month. Meetings may be tape recorded at the discretion of the Chair.

Copies of the Agenda are available at the Human Services Department at 3300 Capitol Avenue three days preceding the regularly scheduled meeting.

Assistance will be provided to those requiring accommodations for disabilities in compliance with the American Disabilities Act of 1990. Interested persons must request the accommodation at least 2 working days in advance of the meeting by contacting Human Services Department at (510) 574-2050.

Information about the City or items scheduled on the Agenda may be referred to:



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### **Mission Statement**

The City of Fremont's Human Relations Commission promotes and helps create a community environment in which all men, women and children, regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender, disability or sexual orientation, may live, learn, work and play in harmony.

**AGENDA**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING – 8:30 AM**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014**  
**DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MISSION SAN JOSE**  
**43326 MISSION BOULEVARD**  
**FREMONT, CALIFORNIA**

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** tabled to next meeting
5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)
9. **OLD BUSINESS**

9.1 Film Screening: Matthew Shepard is a Friend of Mine

**BACKGROUND:** On December 15, the Commission held a special meeting to screen the film Matthew Shepard is a Friend of Mine, for the purpose of assessing whether the HRC would like to sponsor a public screening. Matthew Shepard was a young gay man who was kidnapped, tortured and left for dead in a Wyoming field in 1998. The film depicts the journey of director Michele Josue, as she tries to connect with other friends and family of Mr. Shepard, in hopes of better understanding his life.

At the meeting, the Commission unanimously voted to direct staff and commissioners to carry out actions necessary to sponsor the film screening and dialogue.

Liam McNiff, Executive Producer of the film has confirmed with Commissioner Hoffman that they would allow a screening on Thursday, May 22, 2014 (Harvey Milk Day). The fee for a one-time screening license is \$500. The license comes with the right to sell tickets, and/or fundraise as part of the event. It might be possible for Michele Josue to attend an event in Fremont on this date. Her honorarium quote is \$5,000 plus expenses.

Staff is in the process of contacting the non-profit organization Facing History and Ourselves, regarding facilitating the discussion portion of the event. Chair Watanuki is exploring Washington Hospital as an option for the screening.

**Enclosure:** None

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Vote on whether to hold a screening on May 22, 2014, pending the confirmation of a location.

10. **NEW BUSINESS** (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agenda discussion or taken action).

10.1 Human Relations Commission Strategic Planning Retreat

**BACKGROUND:** The HRC will be holding a strategic planning retreat to outline their strategic direction(s) over the next one to two years.

Enclosure: None

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Hold a strategic planning retreat.

11. **COMMISSION REFERRALS**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**